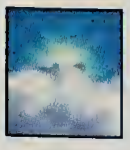

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Business starts from design project

BY BRANDON THOMAS
News Editor

Parama Danoesubroto is the first honors student in the software development program at PUC. He'll be graduating this spring and will take a one-of-a-kind senior project with him into the world.

Danoesubroto and partner Nathaniel Bennett are working on an online company called Funclient.com, aimed to assist small businesses with customer relations management. The team hopes to make the company commercial in 2007.

Small business' report a 70 percent failure rate, according Danoesubroto. While doing a previous project with a real estate agency, he found current applications for CRM were complicated and not user-friendly. This is where the idea for Funclient.com originated, and Bennett and he took on the challenge.

The goal of the company is to provide a web-based tool for small businesses to manage customer information quickly and easily and store documents online, according to Danoesubroto.

The company is a unique choice for a senior design project because it is designed to become an actual business, rather than a mere solution for the problem of a single company. The business is catering to five businesses at this point.

Lavan Green, professor of information systems and project mentor gave the team three additional members, Sofia Angelova, Kuldoon Khraisat and David Wright, because of the complexity of the task.

Bennett is a senior majoring in computer programming and information systems. He holds the technological role on the team as the primary programmer.

A Sneak Preview of funclient.com will be given Dec. 15 at The Center 5 p.m.

Danoesubroto is a senior software development major. He immigrated to the United States from Indonesia when he was 20 years old in 2001. He has had a passion for entrepreneurship since before he was 15. He holds up the business side of the team.

"Business is like planting a seed," said Danoesubroto. "You wait for it to become a tree, but the soil needs to be fertile. It needs the best economy in the world, which is America."

Todd Masonis, founder of plaxo.com and other online businesses, is helping Danoesubroto as a mentor.

"College students have access to big people," said Danoesubroto. "...Every time [a small company] uses Funclient, it is a psychological reward to me. I made a difference."

Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Parama Danoesubroto (left) and his partner Nathaniel Bennett design software for Funclient.com. The two have taken on the task of designing a commercial company for their senior design project.

New paper policy may cost students in spring

BY BRANDON THOMAS
News Editor

There will be a change in printing at PUC computers next semester. A program is being implemented into campus computers as part of a new initiative on campus to conserve technological resources.

A small percentage of students have reportedly been using large amounts of unwanted printing paper and leaving it at printer stations in the Powers computer lab, according to Assistant Vice Chancellor of Information and Instructional Technology Douglas Sharp.

Technology fees do not cover costs of printing, a resource not funded by student service fees.

"We are not looking to generate revenue," said Sharp. "We want to cap costs and also limit some of the environmental costs."

The program will give students an allotted amount of printer usage, a monetary total. Different kinds of paper or printing will cost students different sums.

When a user exhausts their allotted amount of printer usage, they will have to select the nearest on-campus cash machine to instantaneously add to their usage amount.

The system will initiate when an item is printed on campus. There will be a pop-up when an item is printed on any PUC computer. This pop-up will show the files selected to be printed and the balance left in the individual student account. There will be signs near the computers explaining this process in early February.

The program will be implemented in the spring and the summer semesters in an experimental stage, where students are not actually responsible for printer usage. In fall 2007, the program will be activated.

"In the beginning, I think [students] will feel that this is going to be just another cost," said Director of Technical Services Joe Morales. "But I think they will realize that it is not going to impact them."

Technical Services has not decided what the costs for paper will be. During the spring and summer semesters, the experimental program will allow time for PUC to gauge the current use of printing paper, create costs for printing paper and total allotment for students and obtain any feedback from students.

Only the top 5 percent of the distribution use paper in excess, Sharp said.

Student Service fees may increase to support the application.

"I think what they are doing is a great idea," said SGA President Stephen Lynch. "But if they are going to save as much as they think with this, then the tech fees for students should go down."

Machines for adding to an account will be located in three places - CLO, SUL and the Academic Learning Center in Merrillville.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night, the SUL building will be open until 2 a.m.

INSIDE YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Happy holidays, everyone!

Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to hang decorations, bake cakes and cookies, and, if you don't have your own vehicle, lots of time at home. Don't worry, though. The answer is closer than you think! I was amazed to find out how many students are unaware of the cheap and convenient means of transportation provided by communities surrounding PUC. Sure, everyone knows you can go to Chicago from the South Shore train. But very few people know that both East Chicago and Hammond have extensive bus routes that run to places as near as Wal-Mart and as far as southern Chicago. These two bus systems share common stops with the Gary Public Transit and the Pace bus systems, both of which make regular stops throughout Gary and Chicago.

A round trip on a bus will take about an hour, depending on traffic conditions and whether the cargo trains crisscrossing the area decide to cooperate. Hammond bus stops are located near the 173rd St. entrance, as well as on 169th St. in front of Suburban Textbooks. That streetlight is also a stop for the East Chicago bus that goes straight to Wal-Mart, so you University Villagers can stop walking in the cold on weekdays! Another East Chicago stop is located on the PUC side of 169th, right in front of the Anderson building. You may have noticed that in the Anderson parking lot there is a small set of steps leading up to the sidewalk, and across the sidewalk, a bare concrete platform and small ramp leading to the street. Well, now you know what they're for!

Students can find copies of the bus schedules for buses that stop at PUC as well as copies of the schedules for the Gary bus and the Pace bus that stops in Hammond at the information desk in the SUL building. For connections after that, you are on your own. Regular adult fares range from absolutely nothing to $2.00, depending on which buses you ride:

System	Price	General routes
East Chicago	FREE	Indianapolis Blvd. from 169th to Columbus the casino boats Griffith Plaza throughout E.C.
Hammond	$1.25	Wal-Mart Hessville Columbia Plaza St. Margaret's Hospital Downtown Hammond* throughout Hammond
Gary	$2.00	Gary Metro Center Genesis Convention Center Gary/Chicago Airport St. Catherine's Hospital Dan Rabin Transit Center*
Pace	$1.50	River Oaks Orlan Park throughout Chicago

(*both of these mean the bus station in downtown Hammond)

Other prices and rules specific to each bus system can be found on the backs of the bus schedules or on the buses themselves, but keep in mind:

1: EXACT FARE IS REQUIRED. Bus drivers CANNOT make change
2: no eating or drinking on the bus
3: request your stop about a block beforehand, so the driver has sufficient time to brake

So remember, everybody, just because you don't have a car doesn't mean you have to sit around for the holidays! Go to Chicago! Go to the public library! Go to the symphony for free on the Peregrine Express! Just have fun, be safe, and have a happy holiday season.

-Crystal Watson
LASS Senator

What's Goin' On?

A look around...

Orientation leaders wanted

For students who want to meet new people and get involved, student orientation leader positions are available.

For an application and information, go to www.calumet.purdue.edu/newstudent or contact New Student Orientation at 989-4160.

The New Student Orientation office is located in SUL 104B (next to the game room).

Madden '07 tournament

The PUC Baseball Team will be sponsoring a Madden video game tournament. The event will be held on Dec 16 from 10 to 4 p.m. The entry fee is $20. Winners will receive cash prizes of $100, $50 and $20. The Tournament will be played with 'Madden 07' for PlayStation 2.

For more information call Darren Zancan at 381-7335 or go to www.life.calumet.purdue.edu/baseball.

Foster care hosts job fair

On Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. there will be a job fair. The fair will be held at Lee's Inn & Suites Meeting Room in Merrillville at 6201 Opportunity Lane.

The same fair will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 7 a.m. to 10 am. The event is sponsored by The Villages Foster Parent Community.

For more information go to www.villagekids.com or e-mail them at hres@villages.org.

CSSAC scholarship

The CSSAC will be offering up to ten scholarships for the 2007 spring semester.

These scholarships are intended to help ease the burden of expenses for clerical and service staff employees and their dependents.

For more information contact GroupWise, or call Lla Muller at 989-2455.

Playwriting students display excerpts from work

On Dec 16 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Towle Community Theater, PUC playwriters will present excerpts from their work.

Admission is free. May contain adult content, parental discresion advised.

Purdue graduate presents photo essay

On Saturday, Dec 16 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Barbara J. Markle will be presenting a photographic essay.

The essay is entitled 'No longer invisible: How women of a cerain age portray themeselves to the world'.

For more information contact Barb Markle at 781-1513.

Cheap textbooks

Student Government has next semester's book list up now. Students have the oppurtunity to purchase books online.

For more information contact calumet.purdue.edu/sga.

College of health professions career fair

On Tuesday, Dec 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be a job fair for students pursuing health careers.

It will be in the Center for Performing Arts Lobby.

The colleges ask that participants dress professionally and bring resumes.

For more information contact Lorraine Fiordelisi at fiordelisi@calumet.purdue.edu.

Campus open late for finals week

The first and third floors of the SULB will be open until 2 a.m from Monday through Wednesday this week for students to study

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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Homeland security course to be offered in spring

BY NICOLE ELISCHER
Staff Writer

PUC is introducing a class on the foundation of Homeland Security in spring 2007 to increase emergency preparedness for disaster.

The organizational leadership and supervision course, titled The Foundation of Homeland Security, will meet on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and is open to seniors and graduate students, as well as students pursuing a certificate in emergency management. The course is currently being offered at Purdue West Lafayette. A follow-up course at PUC is planned for fall 2007.

Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement and university relations, said the consequences from national disasters like Sept. 11 and Hurricane Katrina spurred a national awareness and people must do all they can to prepare themselves for emergencies and crisis.

"While we hope the lessons of this course never have to be implemented, teaching students to be anticipatory, proactive and as prepared as possible is consistent with the education Purdue Calumet is committed to delivering during our ever-changing 21st century society," said Lukoshus.

Dean Larson, a visiting assistant OLS professor, said the purpose of this course is to provide a multidisciplinary approach to address the fundamental issues relating to preparing for, responding to and recovering from major catastrophic events. These include intentional and unintentional events that threaten the security and well-being of private and public sector resources and infrastructures.

He said the course was created through a grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to Purdue West Lafayette's Homeland Security Institute.

Some of the topics covered in the course include how businesses and organizations plan for and recover from a disaster, how people communicate risks to the public and manage the risks to prevent dire consequences for the organization, the historical background and purpose of Homeland Security, issues with information security and emergency management.

Larson said one of the main course components besides a take home midterm and a final exam is a semester group project. In the group project, students will be assigned to groups based on their majors and given a simulated disaster problem for them to solve as a team.

In West Lafayette, some of the activities included- planning an emergency with people with disabilities, dealing with threats to personal medical information and security and transporting food and supplies to a town if a bridge was destroyed by the Mississippi River.

Mohammand Zahraee, head of the department of manufacturing engineering technologies and supervision, said the importance of this course is the need for people to work together in times of disaster and being able to prepare for them will save lives.

OLS 590: Foundation of Homeland Security will be offered in the spring on Mondays 6:30 to 9:30.

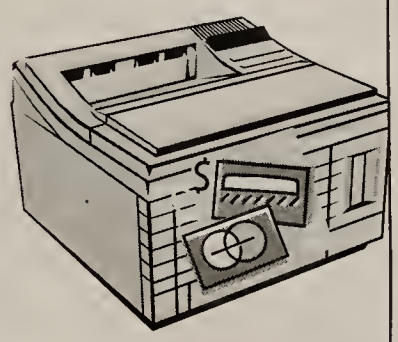
For information, contact Dean Larson at larsond@calumet.purdue.edu or (219) 989-1388.

CTIS Connection

Administrative Services at Purdue University Calumet

Print Control?!

Why does Purdue Calumet need Print Control? Our campus like others; is experiencing steadily rising printing costs. Printing costs include; toner, printer repairs, early failure and replacement of printers and the waste of lots and lots of paper! Lab coordinators all across campus have seen the large piles of abandoned print jobs which impacts our environment and our budgets. Paper, toner, maintenance kits and printer repairs are not paid by student Tech fees.



To help reduce the cost of printing; Purdue Calumet will be implementing a print control product called GoPrint. Students will be given an allocation at the start of each semester that will cover the printing needs for most students. If that allocation is used up, students can add money to their accounts at "cash to account" stations that will be located in the Classroom Office and Student Union and Library buildings as well as the Academic Learning Center in Merrillville.

Although you will not actually be charged at this time, a group of computers in Bay D of the Main Lab in Powers already have GoPrint installed for testing and tracking purposes. You will soon see it installed in other labs. Come and try it out for yourself! The time line is to have GoPrint installed in all labs for the Spring 2007 semester with it going into full production in the Fall of 2007. No students will be charged for printing until then.

More information regarding GoPrint can be obtained through the Main Computer Lab in Powers 115.

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Your feedback on our services is always welcome. Please send your comments to Vikki Caywood, User Support Coordinator at caywoodv@calumet.purdue.edu.

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Senior designers end semester with design presentations

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John Magee presents his senior design project entitled 'Central Repository of Personal Data for Universal Access' to Professor William L. Robinson.

GREG RUCKINSKI
Staff Writer

Brains were engaged last Saturday night as the senior engineering final design presentations were shown in the Lawshe building. After much hard work, students finally got the chance to show off their creations and inventions in front of their peers and professors.

According to Professor Edward Pierson, each team of two or three students was assigned a project and faculty advisor. While students are free to suggest their own projects, the final project choice is up to the professor in charge of the course. Each team was given two semesters to design the project and solve the problem proposed.

"The first stage is to really define the problem," said Pierson. "Then brainstorm on solutions and then a final design."

The teams are also charged with doing literature checks, work plans, weekly and monthly reports, oral reports and more.

The goal of the senior design projects is to help the students make the transition from the problems solved in school, to team based projects done by engineers that may last for months or years, said Pierson.

"We were assigned a large group of equipment and were basically told to make it work," said Charles Churchill of his project, 'Implementation of a Manufacturing Cell'.

The equipment included a robotic arm, small computer system and a safety curtain of light that would shut off the entire system if anything passed through it. Churchill's partners were Amandeep Arora and Abhishek Mehra.

Robert Armstrong, Jiane Shao and Rahul Singhal created a successful way of managing water in a 100 ft creek bed. The group had to recirculate over 3,000 gallons of water, de-chlorinate the supply as well as be able to replace any water lost due to power failure.

"I had fun doing it," said Armstrong. "It's something that I've been wanting to do for a long time. It only cost us about $400, and when you compare that to the costs of some other projects, that's not much."

"At the beginning of the second semester, the teams have to define what they want to accomplish, and most were successful," said Pierson. "The oral presentations this year were particularly good."

Student Life and Activities warms up PUC for elementary school children

Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Calumet Falls played host to a group of elementary school children and their families. The kids had time for arts and crafts and watched "Polar Express" Friday.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Clarifying the refund policy when students drop classes: Why only 80%?

Students often ask this question about the Purdue Calumet refund policy for classes they drop during the first week of the semester: *Why penalize students who want to try classes before they decide to remain enrolled in them?*

Although it would be a convenience to students to permit the option to "try" classes before deciding whether or not to drop them, there is a very expensive hidden cost in doing so.

In the past, large numbers of students registered for more courses than they intended to take, tried them out during the first week, and then dropped the one that interested them least. The problem is that the classroom seats they occupied during their week of "trying" a class that they eventually dropped were unavailable to other students who needed the class.

Is this a big problem?

If one-third of our students registered for one extra course, those students would fill the equivalent of 3,000 classroom seats or, put another way, 100 class sections per semester.

Not only is it expensive to staff additional class sections, but this practice also can and does create hardships for students who find themselves unable to get into high demand courses—introductory offerings in English and Math, for example—that are full because other students are holding seats temporarily. Although it is true that a seat becomes available when a student drops a class during the first week, it is often too late at that time to help another student who really needed that class, but had to make other arrangements when the class was full.

What can you do?

Plan ahead.... Ask for course syllabi at department offices.
Talk to your advisor about courses you intend to take.

If you must drop a course, know the policy.
Here's how the course refund policy works:

100 percent... 80 percent

A 100 percent refund will be provided only if classes are dropped prior to the first day of the semester. Students who drop classes during the first week of the semester will receive an 80 percent refund. In certain instances, extenuating circumstances will be considered.

Exceptions. During the first week, students who change sections of the same course and those students affected by administrative errors and/or oversight, as authorized by the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services and Registrar Office, also will receive a 100 percent refund.

The complete refund schedule for Fall & Spring is:

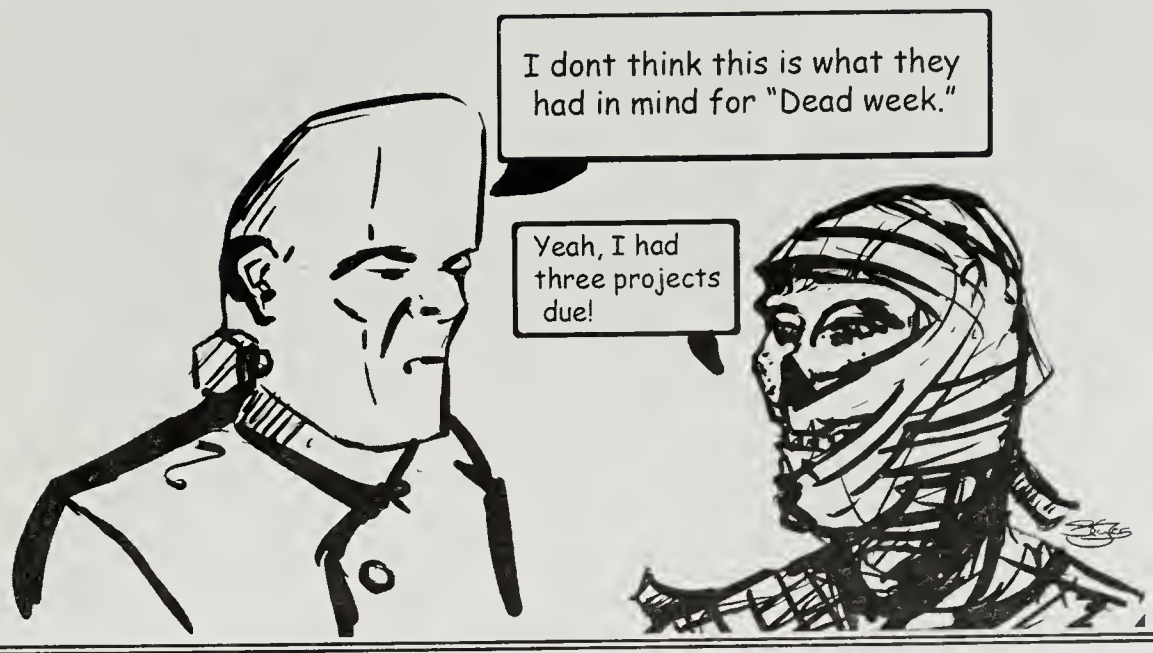
If you drop a class...	Percent of refund
Prior to 1st day of the semester.....	100%
During 1st week of the semester.....	80%
During 2nd week of the semester.....	60%
During 3rd week of the semester.....	40%
During 4th week of the semester.....	20%
During 5th week through 12th week	0%

No withdrawals are permitted after the 12th week of the semester.

The word is out

Beyond this column, the refund policy is included in the schedule of classes, on the payment information sheet provided with your tuition invoice by the Student Accounts office or web page, and as part of your New Student Orientation packet.

Questions may be directed to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services and Registrar's Office at **989-2210**; from a campus phone, call extension **2210**.



Whose automobile is that?

DAVID P FUNK
Editor in Chief

Being editor in chief of The Chronicle often requires me to be on campus until the early hours of the morning.

Being here until the early hours of the morning affords me the ability to see things most students are not privy to.

For example, most students are completely unaware the late night custodians spend more time eating and watching TV than they do cleaning. At least the ones in the SUL building do.

I've also seen the car parked in the REC center parking lot until 3 or 4 a.m. I've often wondered about that car. It's a red, four-door early 90's model sedan and it never seems to leave.

At first, I thought it was Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik working late. Then, I saw him getting into his pick-up truck one day.

Then, I thought it might be Sports Information Director Dave Fanno's car. This theory has yet to be proven false.

It's not abandoned because I've noticed it wasn't there a few times.

I've come up with a few, more interesting theories I'd like to share with you.

It could be the car of a lost sailor, who lost his live valiantly saving others in a freak intramural sailing accident. Someone could be moving it from time to time in order to throw off the authorities.

It could be the car of one of those people you see on talk shows who's addicted to exercise. Maybe she found some place to hide when the gym closes so she can stay inside for her fix.

Maybe it's the vehicle of a crazy former PUC basketball team manager who was deformed when a hot towel was thrown in his face. Now he lives below the gym, phantom-of-the-opera-style. He leaves from time to time for food or hygiene products.

It might just be the car of a disgruntled intramural hockey player whose team lost in the Cohen Cup finals. He's spent the last few years trying to devise a plan to steal the cup for himself. He's yet to steal the Cup, but he will only leave for cigarettes until he has that trophy.

Or maybe it's just a custodian's ride.

In any case, I'd like the owner of this automobile to contact me. Send me an email at chronicle_eic@yahoo.com.

I'll keep readers posted over the winter break online at www.pucchronicle.com.

What happened to local theatres?

JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior staff writer

I remember when there were local theatres everywhere.

As a child, I frequented the theatre just off Ridge Road near Venture (now K-Mart) in Griffith. Of course, that wasn't the only small theatre to frequent – especially as I got older. I found another two-screen theatre a bit further down Ridge Road, just into Gary. That theatre closed more recently – it seems like one day I was driving past it and the next I saw it empty, a shell of the years of local showings with friends.

And how many of us found a place at the Crossroads Theatre in Merrillville on Saturday nights for weekly showings of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show?" As a teen in the '90s, I remember meeting friends from all over Northwest Ind. (and Illinois) on those nights, in a place where looking or acting "different" was completely acceptable. Some of the friends I still hold dear I would never have met if not for those wild nights. How many other students at PUC can help but say the same?

The Crossroads closed this October. A young entrepreneur purchased it in the late '90s, in hopes of keeping our Saturday night dreams alive. Unfortunately, even the best of intentions – and fundraising done at the weekly shows by crowds desperate to keep the theatre going – couldn't stop the theatre from closing eventually. The last Saturday night show sold out (and then some), and as I looked around the crowd that night I knew how much the Crossroads would be missed.

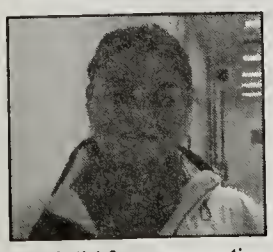
Though the Crossroads Theatre will be the one most significantly missed, the AMC 9 in Merrillville is the one whose closing most surprised me. As I started doing weekly movie reviews in 2004 and 2005, I discovered that I preferred the less populated and more relaxed atmosphere of the AMC 9 instead of the new Kerasotes Theatre chain. As Kerasotes has infected the whole of Northwest Indiana like a disease, killing off so many other theatres, the AMC 9 was destroyed in favor of building yet another Kerasotes Theatre in the Westfield (formerly Southlake) Mall complex.

I have yet to walk through the doors of the Hobart (Merrillville) Showplace 12, and I don't ever plan to. They took the smaller, more friendly theatre where I saw "Serenity" for the first time (along with other favorites), and I don't want to give them my business.

Don't we deserve the chance to choose where to see new release films in the Region? If Kerasotes can destroy all the small theatres in an area, they can achieve a monopoly on movie showings and that's bad for the community as well as the area's economy.

Students speak out about ...

Did you have any tests last week?



"Yeah, I did for my practicum for anatomy and physiology class ."

Nicole Vanderpool, sophomore, nursing

" I didn't have a test."

Guo Jiang, ESL program

"No."

Will Peterson, MBA program

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PUC needs a 'dead week'

If we were students at Purdue's main campus, last week would have been a respite from academia as we observed dead week. According to purdue.edu, "the final examination period is intended for the end-of-semester examination. No examination or quiz may be given during the week (three days in summer session) preceding the final examination period of the semester (examinations for laboratory, intensive, or mini-courses excluded).

It will be the responsibility of the department head, or where appropriate the school head, to ensure that none of the departmental or school faculty uses the week (three days in summer session) preceding the final examination period to administer an examination." In other words, according to the university rules, none of us would have had a test last week.

We are not asking for the university to give us academic hand-outs. But a week where we are test free, so that we can study for final exams is a welcome idea. We would be able to rest, study and fully prepare for finals with significantly less stress.

A week to study for finals is a reasonable time frame- as opposed to merely a weekend off in order to cram as much as possible. It seems like at PUC we have the opposite of dead week. We have, instead, a week where seemingly every class has a project, paper or exam due. In the "real world" we will have deadlines and responsibilities. If college is supposed to prepare us for the "real world" then it is understandable that we are given large amounts of work and are expected to work for what we get- grades or otherwise. But we deserve a reasonable amount of time to study and prepare for tests that will likely be a large percentage of our grades.

With the current system, sometimes there simply aren't enough hours in the day to study for tests, especially finals. In some classes, instructors ask that students study between ten and twenty hours for a test. This would be fine, if the student didn't work, have a family or have any other classes. To ask a student to set aside a block of time that large is unreasonable and unrealistic. It isn't laziness- many students simply do not have that kind of time on their hands, even if they do forgo sleep to study.

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Energy Drink Taste Test

In the ultimate tastetest showdown, Coke products and Pepsi products were tested to see which drink would be crowned champ in an energy drink taste test held by The Chronicle. Each drink was randomly seeded into brackets so there would be no bias in choosing PUC's favorite energy drink, based on taste alone.

The battle took place on Wednesday, Dec. 6 in the SUL concourse and went on for seven hour-long rounds before No Fear Gold took the crown after battling it out with Amp in the championship.

Students, faculty and staff were all invited to try the drinks of the hour and get an extra boost during the often stressful week before finals. Approximately 220 stopped by. Thank you to all who participated.

Don't travel with 'Turistas'

JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

The previews for "Turistas" make it look like a suspenseful film full of beautiful (and scantily clad) young women accompanied by toned (and muscled) young men who innocently fall victim to crazed killers who torture lost tourists. Instead, "Turistas" is a rather predictable film about stupid (albeit attractive) tourists who wander into bad situations and get what's coming to them.

A group of tourists – including American siblings Alex (Josh Duhamel) and Bea (Olivia Wilde), Australian loner Pru (Melissa George) and confused Brits Liam (Max Brown) and Finn (Desmond Askew) – are taking a bus through Brazil, which is driven by a man who seems to have learned to drive by playing American video games.

When the bus crashes (like we couldn't see this coming a few seconds into the film), the group is told that another bus will be along in 10 hours. With the promise of a bar on the beach a short hike away, the English-speaking tourists leave the larger group in search of alcohol and fun.

Unfortunately, they soon find the bar has a "come for the drinks, stay for the organ harvesting" policy. Rather than doing anything logical or sensible, the group runs from bad situation to worse at every opportunity.

The bad guys, led by Dr. Zamora (Miguel Lunardi), are greedy, angry and disorganized but far smarter than the tourists.

Whether you're hoping the tourists will live or just waiting for some gore, it doesn't take long before you're just looking forward to the end of the movie. Unfortunately, there are extraordinarily long dark and murky scenes (presumably, in an attempt at either realism or suspense but succeeding at neither) badly designed by cinematographer Enrique Chediak.

The underwater filming (including chase scenes) by Peter Zuccarini is beautiful the first time, and terribly boring after about five minutes – sadly, it goes on much longer.

Rated R for strong graphic violence and disturbing content, sexuality, nudity, drug use and language, "Turistas" is certainly gory despite failing as a horror film. Perhaps "Turistas" would have at least been shocking if premiered before "Hostel" and the "Saw" films but instead it does more of the same and with less intelligence and less successful social commentary.

Inexpensive gift ideas

JESSICA BOVA
Chronicle Correspondent

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Not having much money to spend during the holidays doesn't mean you can't give your friends and family thoughtful gifts.

The holiday season is approaching. Lights and garland cover all the houses. Holiday jingles ring in our ears and the idea of what to get for loved ones is a thought often crossing minds. Being college students, money is scarce and time is starting to run out.

Here are some ideas for the ones who want to give but have little cash to work with.

The first tip for budget friendly gifts is to use talents. Musically inclined? Write a song. Amazing artist? Draw a picture, frame it and viola, a delightful gift for an art lover.

If you're a writer, try writing a poem or humorous short story about the recipient. It might give holiday cheer a personal touch.

Another tip on gift giving requires knowing the receiver and their interests, passions and favorite things. Baskets can be made with their favorite things. For example, playing cards, poker chips, a six pack of their favorite beer, mugs and a gift card to their favorite restaurant could be a nice gift for any young gent.

Know a music lover? A mix CD along with a picture frame made out of a decorative vinyl record bought at a thrift store and guitar picks is a thoughtful and inexpensive present.

Looking for something with a more personal touch? Homemade things are important in this category and are not only unique but fit the recipient if done right.

Photo collages, scrapbooks and homemade picture frames are a staple in the thrifty gift givers' arsenal.

For personal touches on frames go with what works. CDs, hockey pucks or floppy disks can be used as frames for the music, sports and tech lovers. Just hot glue two of the chosen items to a store bought frame. For a more complex frame place a proportionate store-bought frame in a baseball mitt, find a picture of their favorite stadium or a photo taken at a game and it appears expensive without the hefty price tag.

Coupons are a versatile, unique and virtually free gift to give.

Live at home? Give the parents a coupon book filled with chores to do and homemade dinner promises. This can also work on a romantic level. Massages, dates and movie nights are gifts every significant other can enjoy.

Need a quick fix and personal, unique touches are unnecessary? Almost any establishment has gift cards. This way the recipient can pick the gift of their choosing.

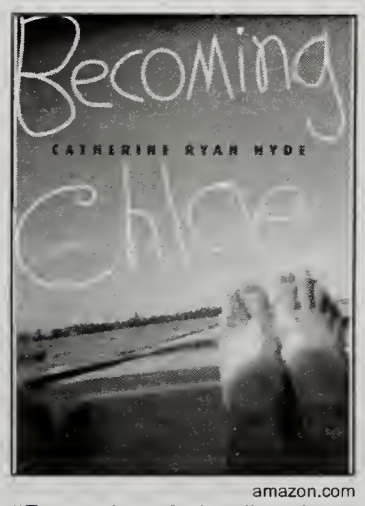
Wal-Mart has gifts and prepackaged gift baskets $20 and under with a variety of choices including bath essentials, food and assorted goodies.

Looking for a present for a special little one? Build-A-Bear Workshop has stuffed creations starting at $10. These cuddly cuties can be a smiling face for kids to open. Try making the gift double as an adventure and make a trip to the store so the child can create their stuffed toy as well as a memory.

When shopping for gifts, creativity, uniqueness and personal touches are important. Loved ones care about what comes from the heart not the pocket book.

The perfect gift can be found and is waiting to be given.

Life's questions answered in 'Becoming Chloe'



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"Becoming Chloe," written by Catherine Ryan Hyde, tells a story of an 18-year-old Chloe and 17-year-old Jordan and their experiences together. Both Chloe and Jordan become fugitives after a series of mishaps, leading them on an invigorating expedition- both in search for joy.

JEFF WAUGAMAN
Staff Writer

"Becoming Chloe" tries to answer the question "Is the world more terrible than it is beautiful, or more beautiful than it is terrible?" However, it did not interest me.

"Becoming Chloe" is written by Catherine Ryan Hyde, who also the author of "Pay it Forward" which was made into a movie staring Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt. This book may be better served as a Lifetime Original Movie.

Eighteen-year-old Wanda Johnston (Chloe) and 17-year-old Jordan are "introduced" to each other under unfortunate circumstances. Jordan is living in an abandoned basement in New York City, accessible from the street only by an open cellar window. Jordan is hustling sex to earn a living in New York City after coming out to his parents and nearly getting killed by his homophobic father.

One evening, he hears screams and realizes a girl (Chloe) is being raped by a group of rowdy men in the alley outside. In a selfless moment of pure bravery, Jordan attempts to save Chloe by terrifying the men away with yells about cops. Little does he know that this simple act will change his life forever. It does not occur to Chloe to complain about the rape.

Soon after the rescue and a trip to the clinic to get Chloe checked out, the two become inseparable - so inseparable that Jordan becomes her guardian angel of sorts. Neither had a parent they could count on.

Jordan calms Chloe down when she gets riled up, protects her from lecherous men and basically takes care of everything else in her life (food, shelter and clothing) despite the fact he's barely able to keep afloat himself.

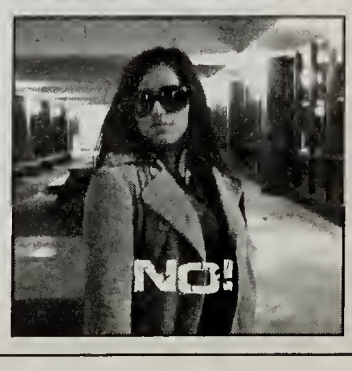
It turns out that Chloe has some sort of mental illness (although we never really find out what the illness is, despite the mention of Zoloft, depression and various emotional fits). On top of a terrible past she needs a little looking after so she doesn't get into trouble.

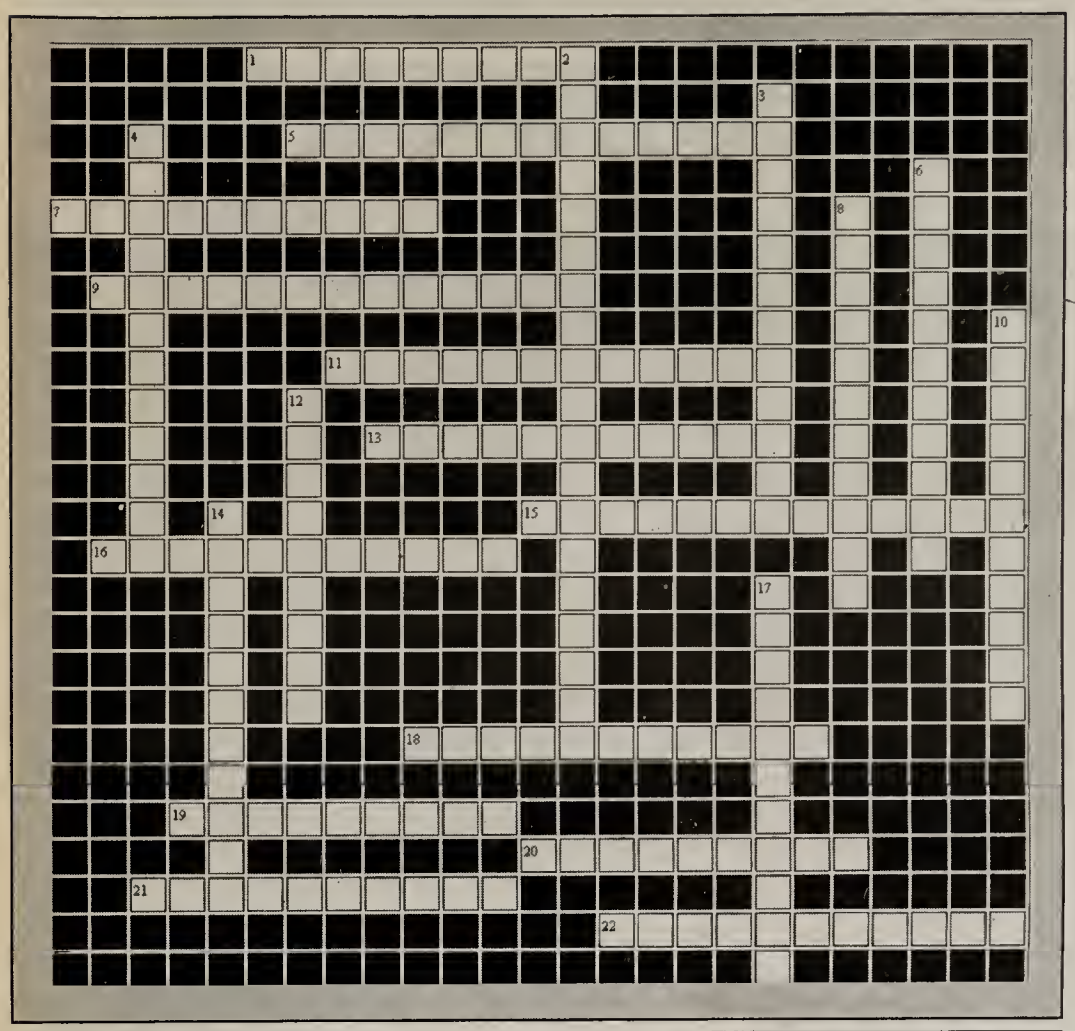
When a second violent incident makes them fugitives, the two wind up on an invigorating coast-to-coast expedition looking for joy and beauty in what so far has been a grim existence. Readers will like the road trip; I thought it was the best part of the book.

The book starts out slow but as it progresses, it does get a little better. However, we do not find out anything about Chloe's past, which might leave some readers curious.

Isabel's Fashion DON T of the Week

Indeed everyone enjoys wearing sunglasses. Unfortunately there are some who where them at night. Keep your sunglasses for the sun.





Chronicle Crossword
SNL characters

Across

1. Deiter
5. Sean Connery
7. Deep Thoughts with...
9. Bill Cosby
11. Mary Katherine Gallagher
13. Culp Family Music Performers male
15. Akroyd and Belushi
16. Mango
18. Matt Foley
19. Stuart Smalley
20. George W. Bush
21. George H.W. Bush
22. Unfrozen caveman lawyer

Down

2. Will Ferrell and Cheri Oteri have the spirit
3. Opera Man
4. Female half of "The Lovers"
6. Roseanne Rosannadanna
8. Theodric of York, Medieval Barber
10. Pat
12. Beldar Conehead
14. Joey Mack on Z105
17. Gumby

The Chronicle Weekly Weather Forecast

Dec. 11
Mostly Cloudy
46°/30°

Dec. 12
Mostly Cloudy
46°/30°

Dec. 13
Partly cloudy
40°/32°

Dec. 14
Mostly Cloudy
39°/28°

Dec. 15
Mostly Cloudy
34°/25°

Dec. 16
Mostly sunny
49°/32°

Dec. 17
Mostly Cloudy
41°/31°

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Sudoku

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		6				9	2	8
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PUC Police Blotter

12/3/06
6 p.m.
University Village # 37D
Victims reported he left his belongings in a secured dorm room, when he returned several items were missing.

6 p.m.
University Village #370C
Victim reported he left his belongings in a secured dorm room, when he returned several items were missing.

12/4/06
9:45 p.m.
Anderson Lounge
Officers responded to a call reference to a subject smoking in the lounge. Upon arrival they located described subject and found he had been smoking and drinking. Subject was escorted from the building turned him over to his parent. The incident will be followed up by the Dean of Students.

12/6/06
2:15 p.m.
Powers 208
A parent was called to pick up a student who was complaining of having a migraine which made them feel like they were going to pass out.

12/7/06
10 a.m.
University Village
It was reported that there was water on the first floor of the village, during investigation it was found that a cold water line had busted. Minor damage was caused.

4 p.m.
University 366B
Victim reported that some unknown subject(s) removed 2 pairs of diamond earings from his room without permission. Incident is under investigation.

12/8/06
9:30 a.m.
Parking Lot 9
Subject reported that while attempting to back out of a parking space they struck a sign close to the parking lot.

Bags offer fun competition

ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Managing Editor

The loud thump of bean bags echoed through the REC center gym Wednesday as ten pairs of students competed to be crowned this semester's bean bags champions. The prize was a T-shirt, but most people came out to relax and have some fun.

"Back in the day, I was quite the player. I had to show them the drills."
Zach Bujaki, undecided, freshman

The tournament was double elimination and it took over an hour to whittle the teams down to the final two.

Matt Dudzik, intramural sports coordinator said the first bean bag tournament was held last fall.

Twenty people showed last year, the same number that attended this year's tournament.

"The turn out this year was good, especially considering it's so close to finals," said Dudzik.

The rules of the game are simple. Each match was played to 21 points. However, if a team was winning by a score of 11-0 they won the match by default. Pairs stood facing each other, on opposite sides of the game area. The boards were 30 feet apart and players threw the bags from the front of the board. On each turn, players threw four bean bags and tried to get them to fall into the hole on the board. If the bag went in the team scored three points, and if the bag hit the board and stayed on the board it was worth one point.

During the tournament, the games were kept friendly. Losing teams bowed out gracefully, often exchanging high fives and going to the sidelines to talk to the other eliminated pairs.

When all was said and done, one team reigned victorious. One half of the winning pair was Kevin Hoolehan, a freshman majoring in finance. His coach, Zach Bujaki, an undecided freshman, said that "momentum" was the key to Hoolehan's win.

Bujaki knows what it takes to succeed tossing bean bags.

"Back in the day, I was quite the player," said Bujaki. "I had to show them the drills."

Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Garnett Letz, a sophomore in secondary education (left) and Justin Arvay, a freshman nursing major toss bags during the bean bag tournament Wednesday night. Twenty people attended the competition.

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Basketball Box Scores

Lady Peregrines vs. Trinity Christian College

No.	Player	PTS	RND	Minutes
13	Peacock, Stephanie	4	2	16-
22	Rigoni, Krystal	4	1	13+
31	Sampson, Ashley	4	2	34-
32	Keilman, Sarah	2	4	25-
50	Hamman, Jessica	12	7	26-
23	Hurst, LaKeisha	2	0	17+
40	Dugan, Shannon	0	1	28+
44	Smith, Linsey	26	6	36+
Totals		54	23	195

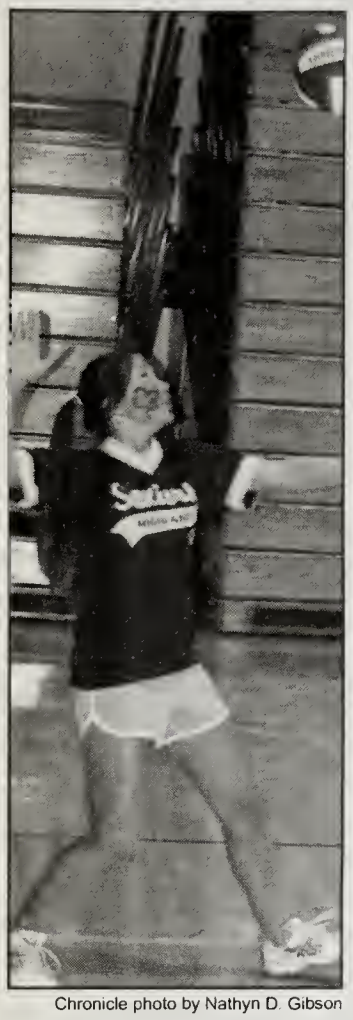
Lady Peregrines vs. Davenport University

No.	Player	PTS	RND	Minutes
31	Sampson, Ashley	10	4	36-
32	Keilman, Sarah	6	2	37+
40	Dugan Shannon	5	3	25
44	Smith, Linsey	13	9	37-
50	Hamman, Jessica	15	6	30+
13	Peacock, Stephanie	4	2	10-
22	Rigoni, Krystal	2	1	10-
23	Hurst, LaKeisha	1	5	13
Totals		56	32	198

Peregrines vs. Purdue North Central

No.	Name	PTS	RND	MIN
5	Sandlin, Lawrence	0	1	5+
10	Summers, Marcus	10	1	20-
20	Johnson, Vince	9	5	17-
22	Polak, Steve	16	2	31+
23	Withers, Derek	8	5	20-
25	Ford, Marcus	0	2	24-
30	Polak, Drew	0	0	0
31	Chislom, Tramell	0	0	0
32	Wheeler, Minuyard	25	3	38+
33	Cruz, Charles	8	6	30-
40	Washington, James	5	2	16+
44	Sherrif, Marcello	0	0	0
Totals		81	27	201

Hawaiian Punch wins it all



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Katie Craig serves the ball for A Taint Away during the intramural volleyball championship Thursday night.

Hawaiian Punch defeated A Taint Away in an upset during the intramural volleyball championship Thursday. A Taint Away went into the playoffs the odds-on favorite with the most regular season wins.

JOE WIELOSINSKI
Staff Writer

Hawaiian Punch pulled off an upset over A Taint Away in the intramural volleyball championship Thursday in the REC center gym. Hawaiian Punch swept the match 22-20 and 21-19.

Both teams defeated the higher seeds during the finals earlier in the night and were ready for action.

A "let's go, let's go" chant could be heard from both sides of the net.

A Taint Away took a large lead early in the first game. However, Hawaiian Punch didn't give up and came back to win it. The loss hurt A Taint Away and they were unable to hang on to an early lead in the second game.

"We've improved since the beginning of the year. We played hard, we stuck in it and we played as a team. That's what helped us win tonight," said Shari Warren, a freshman majoring in pre-optometry and Hawaiian Punch team member.

Hawaiian Punch was at a disadvantage for the night after a few players left early in the game. This gave an even bigger advantage to A Taint Away, who finished the regular season with a better record than Hawaiian Punch.

"I'm thankful to my team and all the others as well, it was a great season," said Warren.

Before the championship was held, the north and south division finals took place.

A Taint Away defeated the overall number one seeded Bad News Bears. After losing the first game, 21-17, they came back to win the next two 21-19 and 21-17 in the North Division.

Hawaiian Punch took the South Division crown by sweeping the Eagles 21-16 and 21-15.

"The league went great," said Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik. "It was good to see a new team win."

Plans are already underway for the next season of intramural volleyball. The new season will begin in February.

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Hawaiian Punch's Tom Roesel (left) and A Taint Away's Nick Ferguson (right) go face to face at the net during the intramural volleyball championship. Hawaiian Punch came out victorious, 21-20and 21-19.

PUC wins battle of regional campuses

JEREMY HOMAN
Staff Writer

Late in the second half of Tuesday night's game, senior guard Marcus Ford fouled out. After taking the bench, an upset Ford had a loud exchange of words with Peregrine Head Coach Mike James, leading Ford to be taken out of the gym by junior forward Lawrence Sandlin and Assistant Coach Drew Fountain.

"It was just frustration," said Ford about the incident.

The Peregrines men's basketball team picked up their sixth win of the season with an 81-77 victory over the Purdue North Central Panthers.

PNC was no walk in the park, though.

"This is the best PNC has been in a while," said Fountain.

Senior forward Minuyard Wheeler came out huge for the Peregrines, leading all scorers with 25 total points and 16 in the second half. Wheeler helped the Peregrines secure victory with a deep 3-point shot in the final minute to put the Peregrines up for good.

"I took the shot because I was open," said Wheeler. "I wouldn't normally take a shot that deep."

The game was close but could have been won by a larger margin. It started off slow with only 12 combined points in the first four minutes. The pace soon picked up when the Peregrines took control of the game.

Junior guard Marcus Summers came off the bench, making an impact on both the defensive and offensive ends. Summers drained two 3-pointers in the blink of an eye, with eight of his 10 points coming in the first half.

The Peregrines stayed ahead and led by as many as seven during the half but could not distance themselves. PNC climbed back in the game and drained a 3-pointer at the buzzer to pull to within a basket at halftime.

The Peregrines came out in the second half with a quick three from junior guard Steve Polak. Polak ended the game with 16 points, hitting four of six from the arc.

The Peregrine defense played tough in the opening minutes and the offense jumped out to a nine point lead at the beginning of the half. PNC got right back into the game, but never took the lead.

The Peregrines had trouble all night keeping apart from PNC and putting them away but took the game 81-77.

"It was mental lapses," said coach Fountain about his team's struggles.

PUC was able to reach an 11 point lead. The Peregrines made 15 of 19 free throws in the game, converting all 13 attempts in the second half.

For men's basketball updates and coverage during winter break, visit:

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Intramural 8-Ball

Tuesday Dec. 12, the intramural 8-ball finals will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the championship will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the game room.

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Ladies lose, 66-56

JESSICA COCHRAN
Sports Editor

With a minute remaining in the first half of Saturday's game, senior center Jessica Hamman drove to the basket to score and was fouled. Hamman downed one from the line to tie the game and round off 13 of her 15 points.

Fierce competition arose from the start as PUC (2-8) hosted the Davenport University Panthers (8-4). Davenport finished the game with a 66-56 victory over the Lady Peregrines.

"It doesn't mean anything to say that we played good and still lose," said PUC Head Coach Dennis Smith. "I think we had too many turnovers early on."

The Lady Peregrines got off to a shaky start struggling with bad passes, turnovers and a lack of shooting. PUC did out shoot Davenport percentage wise in both field goals and free throws during the half and throughout the game.

Despite the Lady Panther's good defense and early lead within the first few minutes, PUC fought to keep the score close and trailed entering into halftime, 31-27.

"We started to play more as a team which is what we needed to do," said freshman forward Sara Keilman. "But we need to work on our consistency."

After the break PUC looked like another team, playing better defense and fighting for rebounds. With a quick jump shot and two steals by junior guard/forward Linsey Smith, PUC gained back the momentum that was lost during the first half. Smith ended with 13 points, second in scoring behind Hamman.

The Lady Peregrines kept Davenport to the outside, but the Lady Panthers took advantage and downed multiple three's from the perimeter, stretching their lead to 12.

Chronicle photo by Jessica Cochran

Sophomore guard Ashley Sampson waits for an open teammate during Saturday's game against the Davenport University Panthers. Davenport defeated the Lady Peregrines, 66-56.

"Get off the sidelines and start wanting the ball like they want the ball," yelled Coach Smith from the bench.

After a timeout called by PUC, the Lady Peregrines owned all the momentum. With two steals and three baskets in a row PUC managed to come within six points of the lead, but as the clock wound down their final chance was lost when Davenport downed two consecutive shots with a minute remaining to clench the win.

"It seems like we took a lot of good shots and were able to hold a good team," said Coach Smith. "But you need everything to go right if you want to win."

The Lady Peregrines hope to finish out the year 4-7 as they travel to Goshen, Ind. next weekend to compete in the Goshen Tournament.

Who's Harry?

JEREMY HOMAN
Staff Writer

For those who don't know Harry Tustison, he is one of two managers for the Peregrine men's basketball team. He can be seen giving the team towels and water during games or just standing outside the fitness building smoking a cigarette.

"I'm just the old guy who does laundry," saidTustison.

This is Tustison's third year with the team as manager. Tustison, who worked with the Lake County Park District for four years, was referred to the job when the managerial position became open at PUC.

Tustison

> "I'm just the old guy who does laundry."
> **Harry Tustison, basketball manager**

Tustison does a lot for the team.

"He's the man behind the scenes," said freshman guard Jay Harmas.

Tustison is the man who takes care of the practice uniforms and the only one who touches the game uniforms. He supplies water, towels and support to the team.

"I'm the supply train," said Tustison.

Tustison is considered a friend among the players and has developed relationships with them.

"It's a joy to see him," said Harmas. "He's the man."

Tustison's love of sports and love of basketball keeps him going everyday. He is someone who follows through with things that need to be done. The people Tustison works with make his job easy and stress free, and his work ethic not only benefits him but the people who work by his side.

"Harry is very organized, which makes it easy to work with him," said Tim Luxford, a sophomore majoring in secondary education and the other team manager for the Peregrines.

Tustison has a great sense of humor that puts smiles on faces, and his characteristics make it easy for players to come to him for advice.

"We would know if he wasn't here," said junior center Kevin Thomas. "He is a big part of this team."

Aside from the managerial position at PUC Tustison still has time for his other job, school. Tustison is currently eight hours away from receiving an associate's degree at Prairie State College and plans on transferring to PUC for the spring semester.

So plan on seeing him a lot more around campus.

DECEMBER BASKETBALL

Peregrines
vs. Brescia College
Thursday, Dec. 14
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: REC Center Gym

Peregrines
vs. Taylor University
Tuesday, Dec. 19
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: REC Center Gym

Peregrines
vs. IUN
Friday, Dec. 22
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: REC Center Gym

Lady Peregrines
@ Goshen University
Friday, Dec. 15
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Goshen, Ind.

Lady Peregrines
@ Goshen University
Saturday, Dec. 16
Time: TBA
Location: Goshen, Ind.